

MINUTES OF HEWICK & HUTTON PARISH COUNCIL

Tuesday 5th January 2021 7pm

MEETING BY ZOOM

1. Those present
Chairman Cllr Gordon Gledson; Cllr. J Blakey; Cllr. E Wardman;
Cllr. N Woolfenden;
2. Apologies for absence; none given
3. Minutes of last meeting read and agreed voted by Cllr Woolfenden and seconded by Cllr Blakey
4. Matters arising
 - Move of Parish notice Board in Hutton Conyers?
At present this has been removed for refurbishment and then will be re-sited.
 - A standard for cutting of the grass in Copt Hewick?
Resident N Cutler is in the progress of writing this. Cllr Wardman explained that the same farmer has been cutting the grass for a number of years and this has been adequate for some time especially at the cost which is very low.
The grass around the playground is cut separately and might need more cuts.
 - Road closure of road between Sharow and Strait Lane for water board pipe replacement to commence Monday 11th January till end of February 2021
5. Report from County Councilor Margaret Atkinson
A lot of changes in the last year a great deal of money spent on caring for the elderly. We have more elderly than any other County and more nursing homes. There are changes coming in altering the running of counties and Cllr Atkinson says the choices should be with the public for consultation by May.

There may not be elections this year after all for Councils. There will be elections for Police and Fire Service

A resident asked what happens to County Hall if there are changes. If it is one Yorkshire it will stay in Harrogate.

District Cllr Atkinson said Yorkshire had won an award for getting the homeless off the streets. Yorkshire has over 4000 Council houses and still building more. Ripon swimming pool should be open in autumn 2021

Harrogate Council were quick to give money or recompense for small businesses but they are very behind with house searches but they hope to catch up soon.

There is a considerable increase in the Covid Virus in Harrogate

6. Open forum

A resident asked again if the Parish Council could start some sort of app which residents could access for information. A long discussion took place. The clerk asked about setting up a web site and Cllr. N Woolfenden agreed she would look into setting up a website for the Parish. Cllr Gledson asked if anyone could pass on the names of a person who could set up an app and forward names to him and he would contact them.

The proposed development on Back Lane is outside the development line for Copt Hewick, A resident asked how we can get Harrogate to see this. Cllr Atkinson said if the decision had been made it would be impossible to get the planning application changed. The builder who put in these plans has gone bankrupt so it is unclear what will happen next.

The Planning group that Cllr Atkinson belongs to only get plans for large number of houses. There was a heated discussion about the plans for so many homes on green belt land..

It was suggested that a resident wrote to our MP and sends a copy to the chairperson. This can be forwarded to the councilors for a vote

7. Highways

Nothing

8. Corner Farm

Cllr Bateman did respond re the email sent to him about the footpath at corner Farm to say he would speak to Harrogate Council

N Yorkshire County Council has agreed they are responsible for this and as soon as funding is available it will be done.

9. Planning

Letters received re possible breach of planning

- Erection of a shed at 1 Yoredale Cottages alleged use for residential purposes
- Riverside Farm, Boroughbridge Road use of farm buildings for unauthorized use as wood chip production. Cllr Blakey has spoken to the farmer and is happy he is using the wood chips for bedding.
- Castle Gardens Hutton Conyers development not in accordance with planning

Plans proposed or approved

- Engineering works to create an attenuation pond Melmerby Green Lane APPROVED
- Erection of extensions to existing workshop and alteration to fenestration Unit 5 Red House Farm Bridge Hewick PASSED
- Erection of replacement agricultural building Pond house Farm APPROVED
- 3 Castle Gardens Hutton Conyers Variation of conditions to allow for reduction in size and alteration of fenestration APPROVED
- 45 Back Lane Copt Hewick Erection of single story extension, canopy and alterations to driveway APPROVED
- Outline planning application for erection of motorway service station at junction 50 A1M REFUSED

10. Playing field

The signs asking people not to allow dogs into the play area are often removed but a new wooden one is in place. Cllr Wardman asked if residents could keep an eye on this to make sure it is not removed

11. Accounts

Agreed as correct

Cllr Wardman asked how the precept is increased. This is done once a year in consultation with the Council and has already been done this year.

12. AOB

Cllr Richardson retired after 40 years and the Council Agreed to give some funds to purchase a planter and this has now been done at a cost of £40 Cllr Woolfenden will pass the invoice to the Clerk

13. Date of next meeting 27th April 2021 7 pm probably by zoom again

14. Meeting ended 8 pm